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(7-10 May 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

**To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 May 2002**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

HIGH LEVEL POLICY SEGMENT

2. The policy implications of the Spring Seminar for ECE

3. Economic aspects of security in Europe:
   - The ECE role in developing the economic conditions for long-term security
   - The sectoral dimension

GENERAL SEGMENT

4. Discussion of decisions arising from the high level policy segment for inclusion in the report of the Commission

5. The ECE Steering Group: Conclusions and recommendations on the functioning of the PSBs and the Programme of Work

6. Strengthening the Organization

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7. Progress Report on ECE Technical Assistance

8. Preparation for and follow-up to World Conferences

9. Election of officers

10. Other business

11. Adoption of the report

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For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in the provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room except for conference room papers.

Time	Agenda item	Introduction	Explanatory Notes	Documentation
7 May a.m.	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda	Chairman of the Commission	The adoption of the agenda will be followed by opening remarks by the Chairman of the Commission and the Executive Secretary.	E/ECE/1391/ Rev.2
a.m. and p.m.	Item 2: The policy implications of the Spring Seminar for ECE	Chairman of the Commission and Executive Secretary	The discussion under item 2 will draw upon the debate during the Spring Seminar held on 6 May on "Labour Market Challenges in the ECE Region" and identify relevant linkages with ECE's Programme of Work. It will also draw on concrete experiences of ECE member States. The discussion will also consider the issue of cooperation and coordination with major organisations involved in labour market and employment issues.	Three issue papers available on the ECE website, www.unece.org

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8 May a.m. and p.m.	Item 3: Economic aspects of security in Europe: • The ECE role in developing the economic conditions for long-term security • The sectoral dimension Item 4: Discussion of decisions arising from the high level policy segment for inclusion in the report of the Commission	Executive Secretary Chairman	The consequences of 11 September for the work of ECE were discussed at the first meeting of the Steering Group and a background document was requested. Discussion under this item will include the contributions of PSB Chairpersons, representatives of OSCE and other partner organisations, the private sector, NGOs and academia.	E/ECE/1392 See also related documents TRANS/2002/15 TRADE/WP.5/2002/4 ENERGY/2001/7 Joint ECE/OSCE CRP
9 May	No formal meetings will be held on this day as it is an official United Nations holiday. However, the Steering Group will meet and interested member countries are invited to participate.			
10 May a.m.	Item 5: The ECE Steering Group: Conclusions and recommendations on the functioning of PSBs and the Programme of Work	Chairman and Executive Secretary	As decided at the fifty-sixth session, the results of the Steering Group's discussion on overall policy and direction will be considered by the Commission.	

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10 May a.m.	Item 6: Strengthening the Organization	Executive Secretary	The Secretary-General has begun a new initiative entitled "Strengthening the Organization" which will build on the reforms he implemented during his first term in office. To launch the dialogue with ECE member countries on how ECE might be strengthened, the Executive Secretary will present her proposals to the Commission, it being understood that additional meetings will be scheduled to continue the discussions. The Conference Room Paper being prepared in relation to this item will subsequently be translated to facilitate those discussions.	Conference Room Paper
	Item 7: Progress report on ECE Technical Assistance	Chairman of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work	Debate under this item will begin with a briefing by the Chairman of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work on the Group's deliberations concerning the issue of technical assistance.	E/ECE/1393
	Item 8: Preparation for and follow-up to World Conferences	Chairman and Executive Secretary		
	• Pan-European Ministerial Meeting in preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society		A representative of the Government of Romania, which has offered to host a Pan-European Ministerial Meeting in anticipation of the World Summit on the Information Society, will brief the Commission on this event.	Conference Room Paper for Item 8

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10 May a.m.	• ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Berlin 2002 • Preparations for, and possible follow-up to, the World Summit on Sustainable Development • Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development		A briefing will be given on the outcome of the Second World Assembly on Ageing and on the state of preparations for the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing to be held in Berlin in September 2002 The regional commissions have been active in supporting preparations for the WSSD and are continuing to do so, and there is an on-going discussion at the global level concerning the role of the commissions in the follow-up to the Summit. The Executive Secretary will brief the Commission concerning this matter The Executive Secretary will brief the Commission about the International Conference and table various ideas concerning follow-up on which the Commission may wish to have future discussions	
10 May p.m.	Item 9: Election of officers Item 10: Other business Item 11: Adoption of Report	Rapporteur		Draft reports prepared during the Commission session

General Notes

1. The fifty-seventh session of the Commission (7-10 May 2002) will be preceded by a seminar on 6 May, on "Labour Market Challenges in the ECE Region". Debate under the session's agenda item 2 will draw upon the seminar's discussion.

2. There will be no formal meeting of the Commission on Thursday, 9 May as it is a United Nations holiday. Informal meetings among delegations will be facilitated by the secretariat.

3. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the documents referred to in the Provisional Agenda will, wherever possible, be transmitted to Governments in the Commission's three official languages (English, French, Russian) not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session, i.e. not later than 26 March 2002.

4. As part of the ongoing efforts of all concerned to revitalize the sessions of the Commission, and in keeping with the previous sessions of the Commission, the Bureau recommends that delegations, PSB Chairpersons and representatives from other organizations/initiatives should refrain from general statements and limit themselves to specific observations and proposals for action. Any delegation wishing to provide a text for distribution is requested to provide the secretariat, preferably in advance of the session, with sufficient copies (approximately 75).

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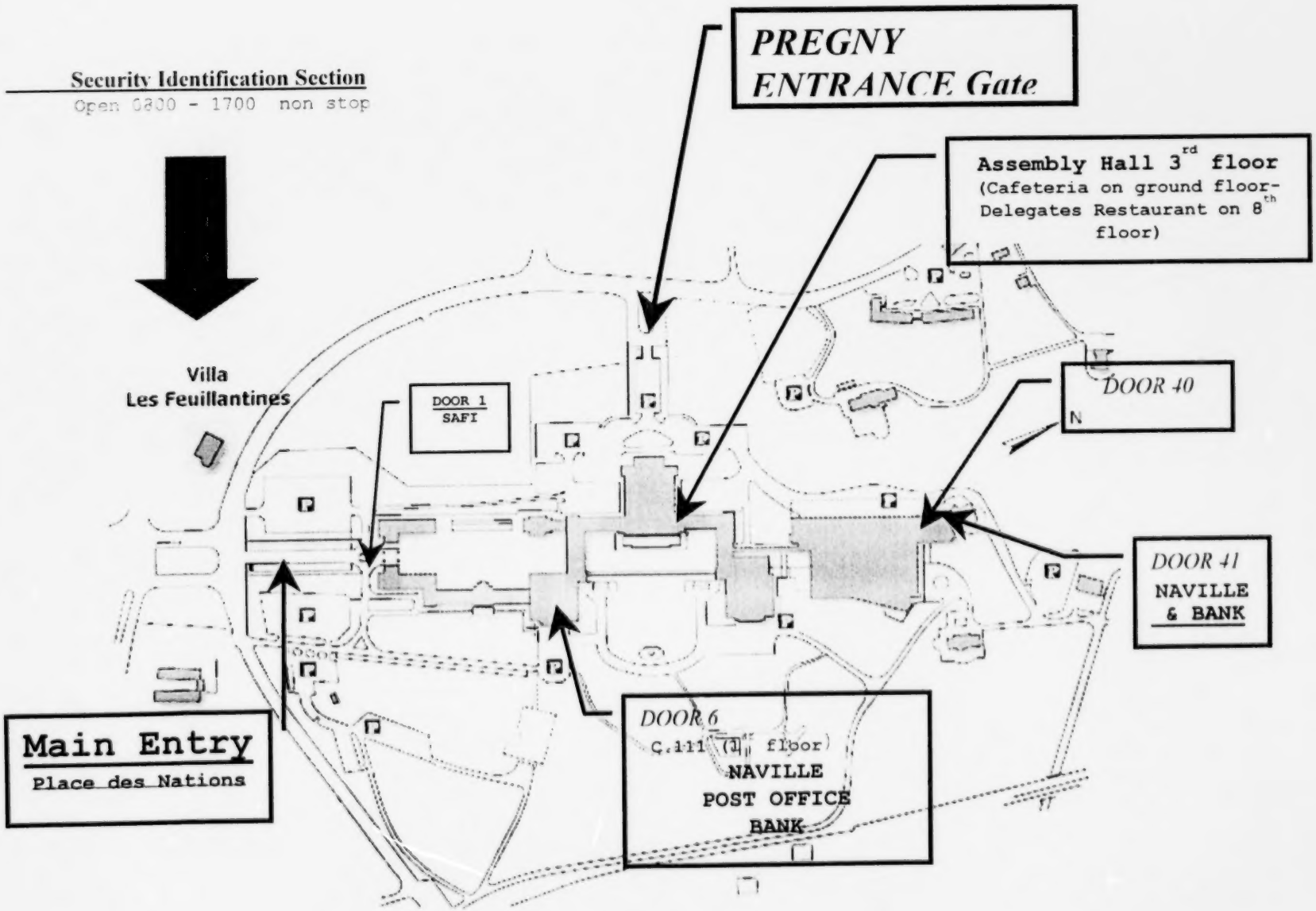
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